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The President's First and Very Busy Day.

THOUSANDS OF VISITORS

He Saw All Who Called; Some From the Steps of the White House and Others in His Office and in the Great East Parlor.

President McKinley would liave seen the sun rise for the first time as an occupant of the White House had it not been for the fact that Old Sol, who had been so kind to the new Chief Executive on the day previous, hid his face behind a mass of dark and lowering rain clouds. The President was early astir, and the policemen on watch in the White House grounds saw his face pressed against the window of his apartments quite a while before 7 o'clock.

He was exceedingly pale, and appeared to be in deep thought as he peered out on the dismal prospect of a rainy day, oubtiess realizing in the strictest sense of the word the new duties imposed upon every occupant of the Executive Mansion Mr. McKinley stood at the window for fully fifteen minutes, frequently passing his hand over his brow, a habit peculiar to himself. He had been gazing out over the bousetops of Washington in the early light of a new day for about fifteen minutes, when his wife appeared. Her husband turn ed slightly and offered his arm and the pair spent the first few minutes of their first morning in the White House in silence. While the rain and a slight sleet was beating down outside, Mr. McKinley slowly stroked the bair of the woman who has done so much by her tact and womanly ways-oftentimes a severe tax on her physical strength-to make her husband he President of the United States

As the darkness of the dawning day dis appeared Mr. McKinley and his wife turned and walked down to the breakfast room, where the mother and pear relatives of Mr McKinley had preceded them. By this

time it was 7:30 o'clock. At 8 o'clock breakfast was finished The President, who is an excessive smoker and smokes none but the strongest cigars, ook from his vest pocket a clear Habana and lighting it, walked out to the front He greeted the ushers and doorkeepers in an agreeable manner, pass ing the time of day with them and asked concerning their service at the mansion. He passed them, walked through the corridor, crossing the hall into the Blue Room and out upon the portico on the south Here he stood for some minutes gazing intently upon the panorama of the beautiful valley of the Potomac, and the historic hills of Arlington, which, despite the mists of early morning, presented to the

eye of the new President a most picturesque and enchanting view. It was about 8:30 o'clock when he entered his private office. Upon his desk was a beautiful bouquet, sent up from the conservatory. He plucked one of the flowers from the bunch and put it in his buttonbole. He wore this during the entire day. For the first time he sat in new chair placed at his desk and began to idly turn over innumerable letters and telegrams which had accumulated, most of which were congratulatory in

The chair occupied by Mr. Cleveland was one specially made for him, and Mr. Thurber had a strong desire to be its possessor. Mr. Cleveland purchased the chair, and made his secretary a present

Mr. McKinley's first work, entering upon the duties of his office, was to have epared the list of his Cabinet ministers to be sent to the Senate for confirmation or rejection. This was completed as early as 5:30 o'clock. By that time the visitors began arriving in streams. Four nembers of Congress from New York were Hooker, Fisher, Odell, and Sherman, but they were preceded by a few minutes by Gen. Cowlex, of North Carolina, who y fien. Cowlex, of North Carolina, who we bears the distinction of being the first COUNTING UP THE COST man to call on President McKinley at his

office in the White House The two Senators from Illinois were the next to arrive. They only came to say "howdy." Senator "Billy" Mason was smiling as pleasantly as ever, and the fur on his silk but was brushed the wrong way. which is characteristic of that distinguish young statesman. Private Secretary Porter was fairly besieged with callers, nearly all of whom were strangers to him. Under the circumstances Mr. Porter did solendidiv He is an exceedingly affable and pleasing gentleman, and bids fair to develop into a

high class secretary.

Among the many other visitors of the day were Thomas B. Reed, Col. J. J. Mc-Cook, James R. O'Beirne, of New York; Gen. Lloyd S. Bryce, of New York; Murat Halstead, Moses P. Handy, John S. Wise, Gen. Batcheller, James A. Gary, Joseph McKenna, Secretary of State Sherman, H. Clay Evans, and hundreds of others, in

duding a few ladies. Mr. Cleveland's retiring Cabinet with the exception of Secretary Olney, called on President McKinley about 11 o'clock and were met in the Cabinet Room. The visit was simply one of ceremony. Their stay was very brief, not exceeding ten

minutes. Shortly after their departure the Presi dent went downstairs to the East Parlor where he received members of his Ohio regiment. By this time perhaps 2,000 people had congregated in front of the comprised delegations from many States. Heading the procession was the Dave Martin Club, of Philadelphia. They did not ask to be admitted to the house, but simply wanted to pay their respects to the President and get a good look at the man for whose inauguration

they had worked and voted. The President put on his overcoat and hat and walked out upon the steps, the procession marching past him through the carriageway. He had not been there more than one or two minutes when the veterar usher, Pendle, who was appointed to his position by Abraham Lincoln, thought the President hight bazard his health standing upon the cold stones, thereupon he conceived the brilliant idea of carrying a rug from the corridor and placing it at the President's feet. Mr. McKinley waved it away instantly and the crowd set up a shout at the renewed evidence of the dem-

Mrs. McKinley was attracted by the heering and appeared at an upper window overlooking the scene below. This was a signal for another outburst of enthusiasm, this time in honor of the new

mistress of the White House. After reviewing the crowd upon the outside, the famous Troop A, of Cleve-land, which was Mr. McKinley's personal escort, was received in the East Parlor. Later a delegation made up of the Republican members of the Tenfessee legislature and their wives, sisters, cousins and sents were also received in the same parlor, where each visitor was personally introduced by their State idol. H. Clay Evans. Before this, however, the President had performed his first official act. w'hich was the signing of the commission of John Sherman, of Ohio, as Secretary of State.

twenty-eight pages, including sixteen pages souvenir extra, ready today. Price, in Secretary of State Olney came alone wrappers for mailing, Five Cents.

from the State Department to pay his re spects to the new President. His coming was hadly timed. He entered the White

was very brief, so brief, in fact, that it created impleasant comment that the new

President had been discourteous to the

At 2 o'clock luncheon was served and

the crowds grew greater. Immediately after luncheon Mr. McKinley received the

Americus Club, of Pittsburg; the, Capital

Glee Club, of Columbus, and the Marquette

Club, of Michigan.
The President announced that at 4

o'clock he would give a general reception to the public in the East Parlor. This was

attended by thousands of people and lasted over two hours. He shook hands with every

one and chatted pleasantly with the hun

dreds in the throng with whom he was

One of the amusing incidents of the day was when the staff of the governor of

North Carolina, after retiring from a visit

going downstairs with Gov. Drake, of

lowa, and his staff, coming upstairs.

There was a crush, and it was only re-

heved by the heroic conduct of Licut.

Gilmore, on duty at the White House, who

taught the gentlemen from North Carolina and Iowa, the art of untangling their

swords when mixed up with their legs. Secretary Porter also hurried to the

scene and assisted the policeman. He was

gallant in the extreme. One young lady, from lowa, a typical flower of the prarie,

was caught in the jam, and was almost

fainting when the President's sccretary

came to her rescue and escorted her into

one of the parlors below, where she quickly

The Canton friends of President and Mrs

McKinley called, by invitation, last even

ing, and spent an hour at the White House

The invitation was extended to the per-

onal friends of the President and his wife

The special train which brought the Presi-

dential party from Canton will return to

day, and those who are not to remain in

Washington, or the President's relatives

and friends, will go back to Ohio in it.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S DAY.

She Arose Early Despite the Fatigue

of the Inauguration Ceremonies.

Mrs. McKinley began her first day in

he White House by rising at an early

hour, which must seem incredible to these

society women who make a ball an ex-

At luncheon she entertained the older

panied the President and herself from Can-

ton, and in the evening gave a dinner to

the young folks. Both gatherings were

tended by no one outside of the family

About 12 o'clock the President's mother

and Mrs. Barber, the sister of Mrs. Mc

Mrs. Mckinley, who was at one of the

upper windows, and as the face of the ven-

erable mother appeared at the glass a blue-

coated soldier threw up his cap and shout-

ed: "Three good ones, with all our hearts,

for Mother McKinley. Hip, hip, hurrah!" With all their lungs, as well as their hearts,

they responded, and when it was all over every weman found herself waving some-

thing frantically, and the men had their

Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley returned to the Ebbitt House after the ball, but Mr.

McKinley called early vesterday morning

looked as fresh as a June rose, despite the

An indication of Mrs. McKinley's thought

ful remembrance of others in the midst of

her own triumphs was evidenced Thursday

har Princeton homeshe found a magnificent

basket of flowers to which were attached

the card of the new mistress of the White

Surplus Fund.

the Number at the Ball-A Talk

With Chairman Thompson.

Very little now remains of the inaugura-

tion eestacies except to balance the books

and this will be done shortly by the in-

augural executive committee, which will

probably meet tonight and review the

Chairman Bell was at headquarters ves-

terday attending to the usual matters of

finance which follow the rose-colored prost

and poetry of these interesting occasions.

mittee, was also on hand getting things in

Mr. Warner, chairman of the civic com-

shape for a final report, but the most in-

teresting committee just now is that on

finance, of which Mr. John W. Thompson

is chairman. This committee will not meet until next Monday night, but, in a

talk with Mr. Thompson last night, the information was obtained that there is

Mr. Thompson said that appropriations

had been made aggregating \$52,000, but that there could be no question that the

receipts from the ball and the concerts

would more than repay that sum. An ap-

propriation of \$6,000 had been made to

the committee on the banquet, and from

that there had been no returns yet, and

it was impossible to approximate the re-ceipts from this source, because the sup-

per tickets were not numbered.

The number of tickets for the ball paid

for be places at between 9,300 and 9,400

There were tickets of courtesy issued to

the diplomatic corps and the ladies of the legations and some others, which will

probably bring the number up to 10,000,

which was the approximately accurate

guess of the number at the ball made by

Besides these reminders of the event there

reviewing stands and the bunting which, in

many places, is shedding red and blue and some yellow tears under the influence

of the rain of yesterday morning. The

stands will be taken down in due time, the

first to be removed being those obstructing

the view of the White House from the

north. The Presidential stand and the

other at Lafayette square were the last

to be put up at the request of President Cleveland, and they will be therefore the

first to be removed for the reason stated.

The opinion is pretty generally expressed

that the number of predicted visitors was

largely exaggerated. Some of the rail-road people counted on from 200,000 to

225,000, but it is perhaps not far wrong to put the number in town on the Fourth

at 50,000, as estimated yesterday in The

Inauguration edition of The Times,

Times.

The Times yesterday morning.

not likely to be a considerable surplus

situation.

at the White House with Misa Mabel, who

excitement of her first big ball.

from the West.

hats in their hands.

informal character, and were

cuse for sleeping the half of next day.

members of the family party who ac

remain in Washington for a fortnight.

to the President's office, collided

personally acquainted.

recovered.

retiring - Secretary of State.

rival of the outside delegations

nediately previous to the a walked up stairs to the President's office but found him not in. He desceneded He Cannot Restrict Debate in to the lower floor and met the President the Senate. in the private hall. The formal meeting between the President and Mr. Olney

HIS SIGNIFICANT REMARKS

The Vice President Evidently Be lieves That the Freedom of Debate in the Senate Sometimes Interferes With the "Cause of Wise and Prodent Legislation.

Vice President Hobart created some stir in the Senate by the tone of his inaugural address. It is evident that he has not studied well the body over which he will preside, and that he, perhaps, does not realize how barren of power the president of the Senate is. That section of his speech which caused the comment appears in the Record as follows:

"It will be my constant effort to aid you so far as I may fir illi reasonable expedition of the business of the Senate, and I may be permitted to express the belief that such expedition is the hope of the country. All the interests of good government and the advancement toward a higher and better condition of things cali for prompt and positive legislation at your hands. To obstruct the regular course of wise and pru-dent legislative action after the fullest and freest discussion is neither consistent with true Senatorial courtesy, conducive to the welfare of the people, nor in complian with their just expectations." These remarks are significant from the

fact that during the past four years re-peated efforts have been made in the Senate to limit the freedom of debate which has existed from time immemorial in that body. During the extra session, called for the purpose of repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman law, the press of the country denounced the Senate in scathing terms for not immediately passing the "remediat" legislation, which they said would immediately upon its en ent "restore presperity to the cot Several of the Senators took up the fight, and Mr. Ludge, in particular, criticised the reading of prepared speeches, and in consequence drew forth a stinging rebuke from Senator Jones of Nevada An attempt was made to enlist Vice President Stevenson on the side of those who wanted to stifle debate, but he put a stop to it by decisively announcing his du'y was not to make rules for the Sens

tors, but to administer the rules it made The difference in the attitude of the wo Vice Presidents is shown by contrusting with Mr. Hobart's statement the following excerpt from the farewell ad-dress of Mr. Stevenson:

"It has been my carnest efideavor justiv to interpret and faithfully to execute the and those friends who traveled with them rules of the Senate. At times the tempta tion may be strong to compass partisan emis by a disregard or a perversion of rules. Yet, I think it safe to say, the result, however salutary, will be dearly Kinley, arrived at the Mansion. The crowd in front had just finished cheering for purchased by a departure from the meth-ods prescribed by the Senate for its own dance. A single instance, as indicated might prove the forerunner of untold evils. 'Twill be recorded for a precedent, And many an error, by the same example, Will rush into the State.

It must not be forgotten that the rules governing this body are founded deep in human experience; that they are the re-sult of centuries of tircless effort in legislative hall, to conserve, to render stable and secure. the rights and liberties which have been achieved by conflict. By its mies the Senate wisely fixes the limit to its own power. Of those who clamor ist the Senate and its methods of pro edureit may be truly said. 'They know not hat they do.' In this chamber alone are reserved without restraint two essential f wise legislation and of good government -the right of amendment and of debate. in a graceful way. As Mrs. Cleveland reached the train that was to bear her to Great cylls often result from hasty legislaion-rarely from the delay which follows full discussion and deliberation. In my ervine the unrestricted right of amendent and debate, maintaining intact the ime-honored parliamentary methods and amenities which unfailingly secure action after deliberation-possesses in our scheme of government a value which cannot be

measured by words. There Will Be No Large Inaugural Mr. Stevenson did not know he was re-ferring to his successor when he said "those who clamor against the Senate and its lo." per was Mr. Hobart deterred from a The Times' Accurate Estimate of suncement of his position by the views

of his predecessor. Mr. Robart will find great difficulties in his way should be endeavor to use his position to curb the freedom of speech where he thinks its purpose is to "obstruct the course of wise and prudent legislation. Whatever his private opinions may be, he will have to execute the rules of the Senate, and so long as those rules do not admit of cloture, practically unlimited freedom of debate will continue in that body.

If the Senators desired to do so they could so amend their rules as to give their President a power as autocratic as the Speaker of the House, or they could so amend them as to strip him of the little power be has over their deliberations.



If a door is hung to swing one way, there is no use trying to push it the other way. There is a right and a wrong way to do things. Many thousands of women in are making efforts to get well, but

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SOLDIER DID fis DUTY.

A Member of the Fourth Maryland Stopped a Cable Car. An exhibition of obstancy on the part of

a gripman, and of plack on the part of one of the soldiers of the Fourth Maryland Regiment, attracted the attention of the crowd on Pennsylvania avenue, at the intersection of Seventh street, yesterday morning. The officer in command was quarters to the Pennsylvania depot, and had decided to turn the regiment from the Avenue through Seventh, around into B street. In crossing the Seventh-street cable line, barely a company had passed before a cable car approached, and an officer ordered one of the file closers to stop that car."

The man detailed for this duty was a fine-looking young fellow and bore him-self like a field marshal. He stepped promptly to the car, saluted and asked the gripman to hold his car until the regiment passed.

"Not on your life," snapped the gripman, brusquely. asked the young soldier,

elevating his cycbrows. "Well; wait and see," responded the

gripman. The soldier walked cooly to the front of the car and Inid himself, full length across the tracks, a few feet in advance of the fender. He kept his position patiently and all the while the regiment was mov-The gripman pulled back his lever, but the car was upon the plucky young soldier in a moment. The fender touched him and shoved him along before it for

several feet. The gripman then realized the determination of the young soldier to stick to his post, and brought the car to a stop. When the last man in the regiment had crossed the track, the soldier got up, saluted the gripman, and hurried to the front to rejoin his command. The crowd on the corner had been nowling with dehearty cheer broke from them as he arose to his feet. He had done his duty and stopped the car.

YOUNG LEE BOWS TO CUPID

Son of the Consul General Surrenders to Miss Aragon.

She Is the Young Lady Who Was Imprisoned by the Spaniards. A Pretty Love Romance.

When young people become involved in diplomacy it not infrequently happens that that dull pastime is succeeded by the sprightlier game of love.

No better nor more remantic illustration of this fact has come to light in many years than the one brought out in a re port from Tanopa Fla., which couples the names of Fitzhugh Lee, jr., son of the consul-general to Havana, and Senorita Cle mencia Aragon, of Cuba.

Miss Aragon, it will be recalled, is the oung Cuban hady of good family who went nto the insurgent ranks in order to nurse her sick brother, and when she proudly ac knowledged it was thrust into prison by the Spanish authorities.

Her departure from Havana, about a month ago, was attended by many startling disclosures concerning the treatment of women by the Spaniards. It was while the young lady, who is reported to be both beautiful and brilliant, was being thus mistreated that young Lee, to whom she is now reported engaged, first made her acquidntance.

The bravery and devotion to her brother which she displayed throughout aroused his submiration and respect. He sought further equaintance with her Senorita Aragon was also touched by

the chivalrous sympathy held out to her by the young American. Their friendship soon ripened into some thing much warmer. The engagement, so the report states, followed, but almost im mediately Weyler's edict of expulsion caused the young lady to leave Havana for Tampa.

Mr. Lee followed shortly afterward, but the fair extle had sailed for New York, and it is said that he is now preparing to follow her to that city also. When questioned on that point, Mr. Lee would say nothing further than that

he had come to this country on "personal The only point upon which Mr. Lee would talk was cencerning the story printed in some New York papers, of Senorita Aragon's trouble on board the Olivia. He denied this story with a great deal of warmth.

NOTES AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Lamost, who has been so charm ing a hostess and so much admired and beloved by the people of the past administration, leaves tomorrow for Florida, accompanied by Mr. Lamont and their family of foul girls.

Miss Madia Gorman, the pretty young daughter of Senator and Mrs. Gorman who has been so extremely popular since her debut last winter, was one of the nost admired young ladles at the inaugu ral ball. With her beautiful complexion and almost perfect features and Hebelike form. Miss Gorman is a type of girlish beauty which is refreshing to look upon. Her winning manner and perfect naturalness have endeared her to a large circle of friends.

Another young debutante who was a decided belle of the ball was Miss Coleman, daughter of Major Coleman, U. S. A., retired. She appeared at the ball in a gown of white satin and duchess face, which was extremely becoming to her brunette beauty.

Another young lady who has created quite a sensation as a beauty belle during the few weeks she has been here, as th guest of Mrs. Thomas Owen, is Miss Florida Graves, of Alabama. Tall and graceful in every movement she was one of the mos notable girls at the ball.

Miss Inez Kempton, of Philadelphia, is a guest of the Normandie

Miss Edna Sickles, daughter of Gen D. E. Sickles, is a guest of Mrs. Alger, at Mrs. Somers has issued cards for

Swearinger. Miss Pearson, daughter of Gen. Pearsister, Mrs. Capt. Sands, at Fort Myer.

luncheon on March 10, to meet Miss

Miss Susie Haas, of Birmingham, Ala., is isiting Mrs. Smallwood, on Seventh street.

Ex-Queen Lilliuokalani spent yesterday quietly in her apartments at the Cairo writing letters to her island home. was delighted with the parade and declares that she would not have missed the pageant for "anything in reason."

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THE EX-QUEEN'S TICKETS

Olney Disclaims Personal Responsibility for Their Issuance.

The Presence of Lilinokalani in the Diplomatic Gallery Due to a Request From Sherman.

Secretary of State Olney disclaims any personal responsibility for the presence of ex-Queen Liliuekalani, of Hawaii, in se diplomatic gallery of the Senate on Thursday, and to offset that day's publication that the ex-regal's presence there during the inauguration was due to a surreptitious gift of a ticket to her by

the State Department, exhibits the following letter. "United States Senate,

"Committee on Foreign Relations, "February 26, 1897. 'Hon. Richard Olney, Secretary of State, "Str-Ex-Queen Liliuokalani is desirous

of witnessing the inauguration of the President and Vice President-elect on the 4th of March, and she has made application through her friends for two seats, one for herself and one for her escort. "It is impossible for the committee of arrangements to provide these places, except in the diplomatic gallery, but as the tickets to that gallery are to be sent

to you for distribution, the committee does not feel at liberty to assign sents in the gallery to anyone. "It is, however, the judgment of the committee of arrangements that you provide the seats for the ex-queen out of the sixty to be sent to you for the use

'Very respectfully,

"JOHN SHERMAN, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. It has been stated that Mr. Julius A.

Palmer, private secretary to the ex-queen spent two days at the Capitol making imortunate requests for tickets to any of the galleries for the queen. Mr. Palmer de nies this. He says no request was ever made by Liliuokalani for tickets in the diplomatic gallery of the Sepate, there fore none was ever refused. Furthermore that none of the ex-queen's attendants knew for a certainty that she would be in the city, on inauguration day, until last Friday. She then expressed a wish to be present, and he went to her friend, Senator Perkins of California. He was referred by him to Senator Elkins, to whom he made

the request. He further says that there was not the least hesitation in granting the request and the only regret seemed to be that, owing to the lateness of the hour, but two seats could be promised.

When he returned to his hotel he learned that Senators Sherman and Elkins had arranged with Secretary Olney to place two seals in the diplomatic gallery at the dis-position of the Bawaiian queen, and that just as soon as the Department of State received the list from the committee, these tickets of invitation were sent by special messenger to the hotel. was accompanied to the gallery by her Hawaiian secretary, Hon-Joseph Heilelike, K. C. K.

"It is absolutely false," Mr. Palmer also said, "that any prior application was ever made by any person in her be-half. It was perfectly natural that she should have an especial interest in the inauguration of President McKinley, because Mr. D. M. McKinley, the President's brother, was United States consul at Honolulu, and was thereafter appointed by King Kalakaua, her majesty's brother, Hawaiian consul at San Francisco."

The affair has stirred up quite a tempest among the representatives of the Hawatian They feel that a slight has been put upon their government, and there are many other people of the same opin ion. The incident occasioned nach adcriticism directed at Secretary Olney, and for that reason the letter from Schator Sherman was on exhibition at the State Department yesterday.

Concert by United Choirs.

The union choir concert given last even-ing at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, for the benefit of the several choirs which participated, was a decided success, not alone from a musical standpoint, but from a financial point of view as well. church was crowded. Beside the concert numbers there were solos and duets, which were rendered in fine style, and deserving of the appreciation manifested by the nudience. The crowning feature of the evening, however, was the finale, the "Hal-lelnjah," sung by the united choirs, aggregating 500 voices, under the direction of Prof. John T. Layton, instructor of music in the colored putic schools of the city, with Prof. William Braxton at the

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THE INAUGURAL CONCERDS. Six Numbers by the Washington Chorus at Tonight's Performance.

Three of the inaugural grand concerts were given yesterday at the Pension Office, under the management of the committee on music, of which Judge John C. Chancy is chairman. The music was by Mr. Victor Herbert's Twenty-second Regimest Band and the Republican Giec Club, Columbus, O. The concerts were at 10:30 a. m., 2 p. m., and 8:30 p. m., and were, respectively, in bonor of the Army, the Navy, and of Congress. The opening number of the program last night was a march by the accomplished director of the band, entitled "McKinley Inauguration," which was re-demanded, as were many of the

numbers at all of the concerts.

There will be only two concerts todayat 2 p. m., in honor of the "States of the American Union," and tonight, in honor of the people of the United States.

President McKinley, members of his fam-ily and some of the Cabinet and their families are expected to attend tonight. This last concert will be otherwise unusually nteresting, as the chorus of 500, under the rection of Mr. Percy S. Foster, will have six of the eleven numbers on the program. The finale will be "The Star Spangled Banner," which will be sung by the chorus and the audience, re-enforced by the band.

W. M. Ambroei, in whose fruit store Mr. James C. Hanen died at an early hour yesterday morning, stated yesterday that all that was possible was done for the unfortunate man. Mr. Hanen, Ambrogi says. came into his shop about midnight and took a seat in a chair, where he died at about

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